

## Snorkel/TD Nib designations

Here's the list, now archived at Carla Frizzle's Pens 101 site:

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It is probably true that no "official" code exists to explain the markings on the Sheaffer nibs of the 1950s, which can also be seen on their traditional nibs, not just the conical Triumph ones.

However, there was an attempt by some of the Zoss list people last year or

so to try to DEDUCE what they meant, based on shared observations.

Please

note that what we "found" is PURELY SPECULATIVE, and not based on any official Sheaffer documents--indeed, some of the veterans of the hobby will

say that this is all bunk. Nevertheless, here's what WE observed, so far

without any exceptions:

\*The letter codes seem to be self explanatory, in describing the nib's point

type--

A Accounting (needle fine)

X Extra fine

F Fine

M Medium etc., including S for Stub, and G for Gregg (shorthand)

\*The number codes APPEARED to correspond to the nib's composition and shape or decorative style--

1 Steel (such as on the Tip Dips; these were stamped onto the nibs, rather than etched)

2 14K single toned traditional

3 14k two-toned traditional

4 Silver-palladium Triumph

5 14k two-toned Triumph

6 Silver-palladium traditional

[there is also a #8, which I believe is the smaller Triumph nib design in 14k, but

*this is from memory and could be wrong]*

## SHEAFFER'S COLOR CODE

Colors of all merchandise manufactured up to 1956 are designated by a letter in the symbol. (The only exception is on black pens where the omission of a letter indicates black.)

### Primary Line Colors

| <u>Letter</u> | <u>Color</u>      | <u>Letter</u> | <u>Color</u>   |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------|
| C             | Striated Brown    | L             | Black          |
| E             | Striated Green    | N             | Burgundy (Old) |
| P             | Striated Grey     | Q             | Pastel Grey    |
| S             | Striated Maroon   | V             | Pastel Blue    |
| B             | Burnt Umber Brown | W             | Persian Blue   |
| J             | Evergreen Green   | Y             | Pastel Green   |

EXAMPLE: Y121SK - Pastel Green Snorkel Pen    LT4 - Black Thin Pencil  
 N121S - Burgundy TM Touchdown Pen    HN4 - Burgundy Retractable Ballpoint

### Non Primary Line Colors

| <u>Letter</u> | <u>Color</u> | <u>Letter</u> | <u>Color</u> |
|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| D             | Light Blue   | T             | Blue         |
| P             | Light Grey   | R             | Red          |
| G             | Green        | U             | Coral        |
| M             | Yellow       | Z             | Dusty Rose   |
|               |              | W             | White Pearl  |

EXAMPLE: AHP195 - Grey Retractable    T195-2 Blue Lever Pen

New colors introduced during and after 1956 will be designated by numbers.

|                      |                      |                    |
|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Golden Glow Yellow | 11 Black             | 25 Burgundy (new)  |
| 2 Peacock Blue       | 12 Bermuda Blue      | 26 Anodized Gold   |
| 3 Diamond Blue       | 13 Nocturne Blue     | 27 Anodized Copper |
| 4 Spring Mist Green  | 14 Gold              | 28 Anodized Blue   |
| 5 Colonial White     | 15 Stainless Steel   | 29 Anodized Pink   |
| 6 Berkshire Green    | 16 Silver (anodized) | 30 Anodized Green  |
| 7 Buckskin Tan       | 17 Fern Green        |                    |
| 8 Mandarin Orange    | 18 Perrywinkle Blue  |                    |
| 9 Fiesta Red         | 19 Vermillion        |                    |
| 10 Platinum Grey     | 20 Sage Green        |                    |

EXAMPLE: 9-121SK - Fiesta Red Snorkel Pen

If the item is two tone the first letter will denote the cap color, and the second the barrel color. . .

EXAMPLE: 11C9 - Cartridge Pen with a black cap and a red barrel.

**KEEP IN PEN DEPARTMENT**

All "Sheaffer" White Dot pens have four Standard Features as shown to the left of each model below.

In addition, each model has certain Exclusive Features which distinguish it from all other models; and these features are shown to the right of each model below.

All pens on this page are Sheaffer "Snorkle" Pens.

**TRIUMPH**

*Standard White Dot Features*

- Innerspring clip to prevent loss
- Air tight cap with metal threads
- Strong tubular point of precious metal
- Mess-proof filling device



*Exclusive Model Features*

- Gold-filled cap and barrel
- 14-K Gold point
- Luxurious and distinguished appearance
- Ideal for public awards, anniversaries, retirements

Pen: \$30.00 — Ens: \$42.50

**CREST**

*Standard White Dot Features*

- Innerspring clip to prevent loss
- Air tight cap with metal threads
- Strong tubular point of precious metal
- Mess-proof filling device



*Exclusive Model Features*

- White Dot distinction
- Gold-filled cap
- 14-K gold point
- Cap matches gold accessories

Pen: \$25.00 — Ens: \$34.00

**SENTINEL**

*Standard White Dot Features*

- Innerspring clip to prevent loss
- Air tight cap with metal threads
- Strong tubular point of precious metal
- Mess-proof filling device



*Exclusive Model Features*

- White Dot distinction
- Mirror-finished cap
- Cap matches silver accessories
- 14-K gold point

Pen: \$22.50 — Ens: \$30.00

**VALIANT**

*Standard White Dot Features*

- Innerspring clip to prevent loss
- Air tight cap with metal threads
- Strong tubular point of precious metal
- Mess-proof filling device



*Exclusive Model Features*

- White Dot distinction
- Light weight cap avoids top heaviness
- 14-K gold point
- Lowest priced tubular point of 14K gold

Pen: \$19.75 — Ens: \$27.00

**CLIPPER**

*Standard White Dot Features*

- Innerspring clip to prevent loss
- Air tight cap with metal threads
- Strong tubular point of precious metal
- Mess-proof filling device



*Exclusive Model Features*

- White Dot distinction
- Mirror-finished cap
- Cap matches silver accessories
- Precious-palladium silver point

Pen: \$18.50 — Ens: \$26.00

**STATESMAN**

*Standard White Dot Features*

- Innerspring clip to prevent loss
- Air tight cap with metal threads
- Strong tubular point of precious metal
- Mess-proof filling device



*Exclusive Model Features*

- White Dot distinction
- Lowest priced White Dot pen
- Lightweight cap avoids top heaviness
- Precious palladium silver point

Pen: \$15.50 — Ens: \$22.75

KEEP IN PEN DEPARTMENT

"Sheaffer's" non-White Dot pens appear below . . . quality made and economically priced.

Beside each model are listed those exclusive features which distinguish each model from all other models.

**SOVEREIGN**



*Exclusive Model Features*

- Mirror finish cap
- Mess-proof filling device
- 14-K gold point
- Available in flexible points

Pen: \$12.50 — Ens: \$17.75

**ADMIRAL**



*Exclusive Model Features*

- Light-weight cap avoids top-heaviness
- Gold-filled clip and band
- Mess-proof filling device
- Lowest priced pen with 14-K gold point

Pen: \$10.00 — Ens: \$16.00

**875 CARTRIDGE**



*Exclusive Model Features*

- Cartridge-Filling Eliminates Messy Ink Bottles
- Strong Tubular Point of Precious Metal-Alloy
- Easy Slip-On Cap
- Mirror-Finish Cap Has Modern Tapered-Design

Pen: \$8.75 — Ens: \$13.75

**500 CARTRIDGE**



*Exclusive Model Features*

- Cartridge-Filling Eliminates Messy Ink Bottles
- Lowest Priced Tubular Point of Palladium-Silver
- Easy Slip-On Cap
- Mirror-Finish Cap Has Modern Tapered-Design

Pen: \$5.00 — Ens: \$8.75

**CADET**



*Exclusive Model Features*

- Clean TIP-dip filling
- Light-weight plastic cap avoids top-heaviness
- Replaceable and interchangeable points
- Budget-priced for student appeal

Pen: \$3.75 — Ens: \$6.75

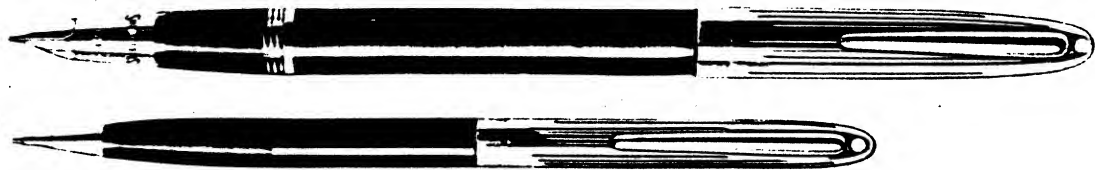
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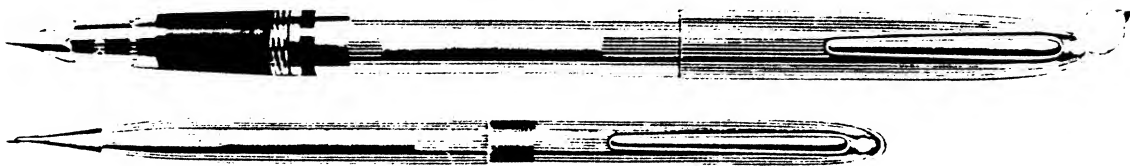
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**SHEAFFER'S CREST**—Gold-filled trim complements rich-colored barrel. Point is carefully ground in 14kt. gold. Choice of six handsome barrel colors. Pen, \$30.00; pencil, \$10.00; set, \$39.95.\*



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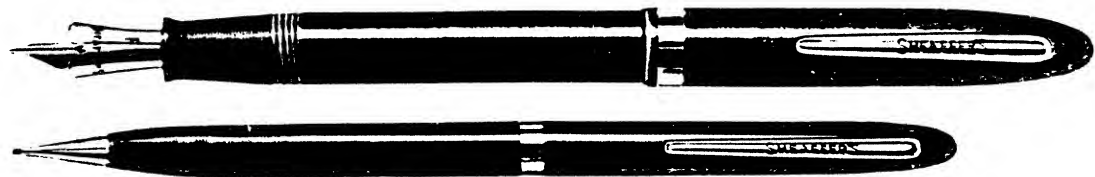


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